

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Public Works	(2) MEETING DATE 5/19/2015	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Carolyn Berg, Water Resources Staff Engineer (805) 781-5536	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve Amendment No. 1 to the agreement for Professional Engineering Services with Carollo Engineers, Inc. to add development of a 2015 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Proposition 84 Implementation grant application, increasing the contract by \$74,601, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$265,974, and to authorize the Public Works Director, or his designee, to execute reimbursement agreements with agencies implementing the projects included in the application. All Districts.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board, acting as the Board of Supervisors for the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve and execute Amendment No. 1 to Agreement for Professional Engineering Services (Agreement) with Carollo Engineers, Inc. (Carollo) to add development of a 2015 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Proposition 84 Implementation grant application, increasing the contract by \$74,601, for the total agreement amount not to exceed \$265,974; and 2. Authorize the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to execute reimbursement agreements in the form approved by County Counsel with agencies that are implementing the projects included in the grant application. 			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Flood Control District General Fund	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$74,601.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(9) BUDGETED? Yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) 19001531		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5 Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input type="checkbox"/> N/A Date: 4/20/14, #20	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW David E. Grim			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts			

Reference: 15MAY19-C-13

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Public Works

Carolyn Berg, Water Resources Staff Engineer

Kristie Haydu, Environmental Resource Specialist

Courtney Howard, Senior Water Resources Engineer

VIA: Dean Benedix, Utilities Division Manager

DATE: 5/19/2015

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RECOMMENDATION

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DISCUSSION

Senate Bill 1672 established the IRWM Act in 2002, intended to promote collaborative, integrated management of water resources throughout the State. California voters passed a series of propositions, including Proposition 84, thereby establishing and funding efforts under the State's

IRWM Program. These actions authorized the State Legislature to appropriate grant funds for IRWM projects and to establish eligibility requirements. The IRWM Program is administered by the Department of Water Resources (DWR).

Of the total \$1-billion authorized under Proposition 84, the Legislature appropriated \$52-million to the “Central Coast Funding Area” (CCFA¹) IRWM efforts. The San Luis Obispo County IRWM (SLOCo) Region must compete with five other IRWM regions for the allocations available to the CCFA. On April 22, 2014, the District, as lead agency of the SLOCo region, hired Carollo Engineers to develop and submit a grant application for a Proposition 84 IRWM expedited drought relief implementation grant round, that was ultimately selected for funding. DWR recently published the draft guidelines for the final Proposition 84 IRWM Implementation Grant round, making the remaining \$4.9-million CCFA allocation available via a competitive process. Staff recommends approving the attached amendment to the contract with Carollo to develop the grant application for this final round.

Carollo’s team provides a specific expertise in developing grant applications and has resources to commit over the coming months. Carollo’s team includes Carollo staff and Gutierrez Consultants, Inc. (Gutierrez). Under the existing Agreement, the team produced a successful grant application that scored third highest in the entire State, and resulted in the award of \$6,323,610 to the District to fund critical water supply projects. During that process, the team exhibited efficiency, competence, and highly productive professional oversight throughout the grant preparation process.

Project Selection Process

This grant solicitation round prioritizes implementation projects that yield multiple benefits, improve long-term drought preparedness, address the Human Right to Water Policy (i.e. address clean, affordable, and accessible water for human consumption, cooking and sanitary purposes), and provide direct water-related benefits to disadvantaged communities². It also prioritizes proposals that can demonstrate that the submitted projects will start construction/ implementation by April 1, 2016 and be completed by 2019³. This grant solicitation provides another opportunity for our region to receive much needed funding assistance for critical water resources management projects.

DWR released the draft implementation grant solicitation requirements on March 12, 2015. Grant applications are expected to be due in early August 2015. Participating in this grant opportunity to potentially secure funding to obtain resources that are lacking and needed for the protection of life and property requires expedited processes.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

The Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) members participate in IRWM work efforts via regular meetings and focused technical RWMG Working Group meetings. Per the IRWM Memorandum of Understanding signed in 2009, the RWMG formed to seek the Water Resources Advisory Committee’s input and to provide support and input at key decision points, including grant applications. The RWMG called for a project solicitation in April 2015, and subsequently conducted

¹ The CCFA includes six IRWM regions and spans from Santa Cruz to Santa Barbara.

² “Disadvantaged Community” is defined by DWR as a community with an annual median household income that is less than 80 percent of the Statewide annual median household income (PRC §75005 (g)).

³ To be established when DWR publishes the final 2015 IRWM Grant Proposal Solicitation Package and Guidelines.

the project review process to recommend a suite of projects for the application on May 6, 2015. Pending analysis and follow up, District Staff will return to your Board in June 2015 with the final list of projects, seeking authorization to submit a grant application to DWR as Lead Agency.

DWR and the Regional Water Quality Control Board are notified of all IRWM efforts. The State agency responsible for reviewing the Region's IRWM Plan and grant applications is DWR.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The IRWM program, including the grant application process, was budgeted in the fiscal year 2014-15 Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Fund (1300000000). Sufficient funding exists for this amendment.

The original agreement with Carollo Engineers, Inc. was approved for \$191,373, and \$141,030 has been spent to-date leaving an unspent balance of \$50,343. Approval of this Amendment No. 1 will provide for a total of \$124,944 to pay for these services, including the unspent \$50,343 and the added compensation of \$74,601. The new overall total for this agreement is \$265,974.

Consistent with past grant applications, staff is recommending that the Public Works Director be authorized to enter into reimbursement agreements with agencies implementing the projects selected for the applications.

Staff will include the grant application and administration cost, in the grant application, consistent with past applications.

RESULTS

Approval of the recommended action will provide for the professional engineering services to develop another highly competitive and expedited IRWM 2015 grant application for multiple projects, seeking funding for high priority water resources implementation efforts identified by the RWMG. Therefore, these actions will contribute to a safe, healthy, livable, prosperous and well-governed community.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Integrated Regional Water Management Memorandum of Understanding
2. Integrated Regional Water Management Memorandum of Understanding Signatories
3. Amendment No. 1 to Agreement for Professional Engineering Services